

WELCOME

Today's graduation ceremony recognizes the successful transition from civilian to basic Marine and consists of a traditional military parade followed by special recognition for those who have excelled while in Recruit Training and final dismissal.

After the graduation ceremony, we encourage you to visit the Command Museum across the parade deck. For your dining convenience, we offer the bowling alley snack bar and the individual food vendors at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Due to security concerns, our guests are not allowed into the recruit training areas to include the recruit barracks and physical training areas.

The mission of the Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region is to exercise operational control of enlisted recruiting operations in the 8th, 9th, and 12th Marine Corps Districts; to provide reception, processing, and recruit training for enlisted personnel following initial entry into the United States Marine Corps; and to produce a basically trained United States Marine embodied with the fighting spirit, core values and esprit de corps which have ensured our Corps' success for over 240 years

The unique relationship between the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and San Diego is the result of almost 150 years of mutual support, assistance and growth. This relationship is reflected in the history of the Marine Corps in San Diego, the Depot as a post of the Corps, and the heritage of San Diego itself.

Above all else, **We Make Marines.**



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BAND SERENADE

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER *

“ATTENTION”, “ADJUTANT’S CALL” AND MARCH-ON

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

SOUND OFF

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS

REPORT

PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER AND OFFICERS CENTER

BATTALION COMMANDER’S REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE REVIEWING OFFICER

PASS IN REVIEW (PLEASE RISE WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG PASSES)

ANCHORS AWEIGH/THE MARINES’ HYMN *

GRADUATES RETURN FRONT AND CENTER

RECOGNITION OF THE COMPANY STAFF

RETIREMENT OF THE PLATOON GUIDONS AND RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

FINAL DISMISSAL

* PLEASE RISE

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

A few weeks after establishing Camp Howard on North Island in San Diego, Col. Joseph Pendleton, on September 6, 1914, was the guest speaker at the U. S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The subject of his speech was “San Diego, an ideal location for a permanent Marine Corps base.” The drive behind his lecture was the unsatisfactory conditions and the less than convenient location of his men and staff at Camp Howard. About this same time, Col. Pendleton wrote to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in Washington D. C. about the deplorable conditions at Camp Howard and presented the idea of the possible establishment of a permanent Marine Corps base in San Diego.

The Navy General Board approved the establishment of a base on January 8, 1916 and the Marine Corps’ base on the bay tidelands called the Dutch Flats was authorized by a Naval appropriation bill of August 29, 1916, in large part due to the efforts of Congressman William Kettner. Groundbreaking on 232 acres took place on March 2, 1919. Construction and occupation of the base took place from 1919 through 1926. On December 1, 1921, Pendleton (now a General), placed it into commission as the Marine Advanced Expeditionary Base, San Diego. In 1923, the Marine Recruit Depot for the west coast relocated from Mare Island Navy Shipyards in Vallejo, CA, to its new home at the San Diego Marine Base. On March 1, 1924, the base that had been developed as a result of the vision and efforts of General Pendleton became, officially, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and would be known by that name for the next twenty-four years.

The base now consisted of approximately 388 acres, of which some 367 acres had been reclaimed tidal area. Throughout World War II, the principal activity of the base, recruit training, overshadowed all other functions. After the war, the recruit training detachment remained the principal tenant. Marine Corps Base San Diego has been home to the 4th, 6th and 10th Marine Regiments, the Fleet Marine Force and the 2nd Marine Division. However, the main focus of the base has always been training and “the making of Marines.” On January 1, 1948, Marine Corps Base, San Diego was officially renamed Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. The Recruit Training Command grew from three to eight battalions to handle the troop requirements for the Korean War. More than 700 Quonset Huts were erected to handle the influx of recruits, some of which are still standing today. The Vietnam War caused the next period of major expansion. A 100-tent cantonment had to be erected to handle the overflow of recruits. Five new recruit barracks, a new dining hall, new bowling alley, a new Regional Dental and Medical Clinic were constructed on the Depot. In the 1970’s, the focus increased to include the recruiting effort and the Depot became Headquarters, Western Recruiting Region.

Today the Recruit Depot provides its nation’s Corps with basically trained Marines to fight in the current conflicts around the world. The Depot has the responsibility to train male and female recruits who reside west of the Mississippi River to serve at the call of the nation.

Known for its unique Spanish Colonial Revival Style, the overall site and specific building plans were developed by renowned architect, Bertram Goodhue, who also designed the buildings in San Diego’s Balboa Park for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Thirteen buildings have been named for famous Marines, such as Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, Lejuene Hall, McDougall Hall, and Day Hall. Today, the Depot has 388 acres and twenty-five buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



On behalf of Brigadier General Jason L. Morris, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors and civilian Marines of Recruit Training Regiment, welcome to this morning’s graduation ceremony. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. As we recognize your Marine’s significant accomplishment, enjoy this special day in their life.

Marine Corps Recruit Training is the most difficult recruit training in the Nation and a tough undertaking for all who accept the challenge to become a United States Marine. Before you this morning is the latest company of Marines who have succeeded in that challenge. We are here to celebrate with you, their graduation after twelve weeks of training. Your Marine has been prepared physically, mentally and emotionally in a time-tested process whereby they have been transformed from civilian to Marine. Many are responsible for this significant transformation, to include the families, loved ones, and teachers who provided the basic values and character as a foundation and the Marine Recruiter who saw the potential and desire to excel. But the person most responsible for the changes is the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. They have labored intensively for the past three months, personally sacrificing much in the process, to ensure each new Marine is instilled with the essential fitness, character and values necessary on and off the battlefield. Each of the new Marines recognized today has passed the test, exceeded the standards and earned the title Marine. The lessons learned in recruit training, coupled with our core values, will serve them well for their time in the Marine Corps... and for the rest of their lives. I am confident in their ability to meet any challenge that confronts them.

Thank you for being here. I trust you will enjoy the rest of your visit to MCRD and the San Diego area and that you will take some time to tour the Recruit Depot to relive some of your Marine’s experiences. Please accept my thanks for your love and support for your Marine and our best wishes for a happy stay and safe return home.

Semper Fidelis,

J. W. Jones
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has long established a tradition of rendering proper honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with the “Flag Etiquette” and welcome you to join us in showing courtesy to our Flag as defined by U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, and as observed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

In observance of U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, individuals in uniform, members of the armed forces not in uniform, and military veterans may render a military salute to the American Flag while it is being hoisted, being lowered, passing by. The same courtesies should be rendered while the National Anthem is played.

Gentlemen wearing hats, who do not render a salute to the Flag, should remove their head gear and on the first note of the National Anthem, place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

Ladies are not required to remove their headdress. On the first note of the National Anthem, ladies should stand, face the Flag, and place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem. All present should remain standing until the last note of the National Anthem is played.

If the Flag is not visible during the National Anthem, please stand and face the sound of the music. If driving during Morning or Evening Colors, persons in vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony should halt the vehicle at the side of the road, and remain inside the vehicle until the final bugle call “Carry On” is sounded.

When Honors are being rendered to the Flag, or while it is passing in a parade of review, it is considered disrespectful to smoke, talk, to take pictures, or to be involved in boisterous or noisy activity. If you are in doubt ask the military personnel about appropriate courtesies at any time, or look around. The immediate vicinity will guide your actions.

MARINE CORPS VALUES

WHY WE SUCCEED

Generation after generation of American men and women have given special meaning to the title United States Marine. These men and women live by a set of Core Values, which forms the bedrock of their character. Core Values give Marines strength and regulate their behavior; they bind the Marine Corps into a total force that can meet any challenge... and succeed.

HONOR

Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; and to respect human dignity. It is the quality of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability that compels Marines to act responsibly; to hold themselves and each other accountable for their actions; and to fulfill their obligations.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries them through the challenges of combat and helps them overcome fear. Likewise, it is the inner strength that enables a Marine to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the spirit of selfless determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Corps and country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor.



Parade Reviewing Officer



Chief Warrant Officer 5

Jason A. Sheets

United States Marine Corps, Retired

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jason Sheets is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, PA in 1994 with a degree in business management. He attended boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina in 1996.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sheets served as a finance technician and rifle man on the Depot Color Guard aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. From there, he served a one year tour in Okinawa, Japan, working in the fiscal section. Upon his return to southern California, he worked as a fiscal technician in the Camp Pendleton Disbursing Office. During this tour, he participated in Operation BRIGHT STAR in Egypt, Africa, deployed to Dushanbe, Tajikistan as a disbursing agent, and finally deployed as a disbursing agent in support of VMA 513 – the “Flying Nightmares” out of Yuma, Arizona to Kabul, Afghanistan. As a Sergeant in 2004, he requested and received orders to Drill Instructor School aboard MCRD San Diego. He served as a Drill Instructor, graduating seven platoons, of which three were as a Senior Drill Instructor. Upon completing a successful tour in 2007, he was selected for Warrant Officer and attended Warrant Officer Basic Course. Upon completion of The Basic School and his Military Occupational Specialty School, he returned to the Camp Pendleton Disbursing Office. During this tour, he deployed as the fiscal officer in support of both Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in 2008 and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in 2010. In 2011, he received orders to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Cleveland and was assigned as the Assistant Disbursing Officer. In 2015, he reported to 2d Marine Logistics Group as the Internal Controls and Operations Officer In Charge within the Regional Disbursing Office East, Camp Lejeune, NC. Before retiring in 2023, he last served as the Deputy Director of the Operations Branch of RFF-KCI stationed in Kansas City, MO.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)



AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in the company who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the number one Marine in his company. The company honor graduate also receives a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment recognizing their superior performance during recruit training.

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their series who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Battalion recognizing their superior performance during recruit training.

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their platoon who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps will receive a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that they are the honor graduate of their platoon.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

The one Marine in the company who fired the highest score on the Rifle Range is awarded a plaque from the Marine Corps Association stating that they are the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are the company high shooter.

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are the most physically fit Marine in their company.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

Those Marines who have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and have shown exceptional leadership ability may be promoted meritoriously to the grade of Private First Class or Lance Corporal. **The Marines noted in this program with asterisks by their names have been promoted meritoriously to their present grade.**
(EX.) PFC* C. M. COLBURN

MARINE

“Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions, medals, that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say, I am a Marine.”

-Major General John A. Lejeune,
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General J. L. Morris
Colonel E. R. Sullivan
Sergeant Major A. T. Leal
Chief Warrant Officer 5 J. A. Sheets

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel J. L. Jones
Lieutenant Colonel S. T. Woo
Sergeant Major P. F. Agan Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant J. Leyva
Staff Sergeant M. C. Redfield

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Smith
Major A. E. Sierawski
Sergeant Major K. A. Valdez
Lieutenant Commander U. L. Ubalde
Staff Sergeant A. J. Massingale

COMPANY G

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain C. W. Sprott
First Sergeant A. T. Saracay

SERIES 2141

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain S. E. Spangler
Gunnery Sergeant E. Y. Altamirano

SERIES 2145

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain S. G. Tom
Gunnery Sergeant J. E. Espinoza

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Gunnery Sergeant B. Hallquist
Staff Sergeant C. H. Palmer

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant P. F. Schorgl
Sergeant I. Peete
Sergeant M. Cruz
Sergeant B. S. McCreary

PLATOON 2141

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT S. JORDI

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. CURIEL

STAFF SERGEANT B. DELOSREYES

SERGEANT K. MACE

SERGEANT M. POLSINELLI

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. R. SEGUNDOBARBOZA (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE A. N. ALWAY (329)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT M. R. STEVENSON

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. A. KRUSE

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. A. MANZIE

PVT A. N. ALWAY
PFC D. S. BADGER
PFC J. K. BALDWIN
PFC P. M. BEHAN
PVT G. R. BRESHEARS
PVT G. C. BRYANT
PFC C. C. CABRERA
PFC P. A. CANTU
PVT K. G. CASTLEBERRY
PVT L. CERRATO
PFC* T. A. CHEVERIER
PVT M. P. COOPER
PFC G. I. DALCONZO
PVT S. M. DEHOYOS
PVT A. S. DEVERES
PVT J. H. DOMBROWSKI
PVT L. ESPINOZA
PFC E. A. ESTRADA
PVT K. P. GARCIA
PVT M. GARCIAAALAS
PVT S. J. GOEKE
PFC* M. M. GREEN
PVT S. G. GUERRERO
PFC A. M. HERRERA
PFC K. E. KNUTTI
PFC* R. A. KRUSE
PFC C. R. LARA
PFC S. R. LEWIS
PFC J. D. LOPEZ
PFC V. LOPEZVERA
PFC V. R. LUNA
PFC M. M. MACDONALD
PVT R. X. MARSHALL
PFC J. MARTINEZ

PFC S. A. MARTINEZ
PVT L. MATTIGOSH
PVT A. E. MERCADO
PFC S. B. MILLER
PFC T. T. NGUYEN
PFC K. M. PALSTRING
PFC A. X. PENAPADILLA
PVT S. D. PENCE
PFC E. C. PEREZ
PVT I. PEREZ
PVT C. G. PICKETT
PFC* A. M. RAINES
PFC K. A. RAMIREZPRADO
PFC D. R. RAMOS
PFC I. D. RAMOS
PVT K. C. RAWLINGS
PFC R. REYNOSE
PFC A. Y. RIOS
PVT Y. RIVERA
PFC B. M. ROCHA
PFC E. Y. SALINABONILLA
PVT C. Y. SANCHEZ
PVT K. R. SANCHEZ
PFC Y. L. SANCHEZ
PVT T. SCOTT
PFC A. R. SEGUNDOBARBOZA
PVT E. M. SEGURA
PFC M. SERNA
PVT C. J. STONE
PVT A. Z. THOMAS
PFC K. Y. VALDOVINOS
PFC V. D. VARGASAYALA
PFC S. A. WILLIAMS

PVT B. K. ACEDO
PVT J. A. ACOSTA
PVT A. G. AGUILAR
PVT E. A. ALVAREZ
PVT T. B. ALVAREZ
PFC E. C. ARISMENDEZ
PVT E. M. ARROYO
PVT G. C. BAIRD
PVT M. F. BJUGSTAD
PVT J. V. BLANCHFIELD
PVT E. L. BOZARTH
PVT R. I. BRACAMONTES
PVT D. I. BRENNANCARDENAS
PVT L. I. CAMPBELL
PVT D. CANO
PFC D. COREAS
PFC J. E. CASILLAS
PVT W. J. CHAMBERS
PVT E. CHIN
PVT E. A. CRUZMARTINEZ
PVT R. C. DAVIS
PVT P. J. FLORESPORTILLO
PVT J. M. GOODWIN
PVT D. G. GROSS
PVT T. K. GRYNIEWSKI
PVT A. HERNANDEZ JR.
PVT H. M. HERNANDEZ
PFC D. E. HICKS JR
PFC* K. Z. HUNTER
PFC* J. I. JONES
PVT K. D. LASTER
PVT S. LI

PFC A. B. LINDSTROM
PVT G. D. LOPEZ
PVT D. LOPEZLUVIANO
PVT S. T. LOVESEE
PVT A.A. MANCIACONTRERAS
PVT A. MARTINEZ
PVT J. T. MAY
PVT V.S. MILLER
PVT J. C. MURILLO III
PVT J. P. MYERS
PVT A. M. ORNELAS
PVT R. D. PATINO
PVT J. B. PENNINGTON
LCPL D. M. PHILLIP
PVT R. R. PILAPIL
PFC* B. A. POWELL
PVT E. I. QUINONESMARIANO
PVT J. R. QUIROZ JR.
PVT A. F. RAYMUNDOGARCIA
PVT A. C. REED
PVT A. J. SANTNER
PVT A. P. SENKYR
PFC* J. P. SHAUNTY
PVT T. B. SIMON
PVT G. SINGH
PVT P. G. SKEETE
PVT B. C. SOLISHERNANDEZ
PVT J. A. TORRES
PFC X. M. VANDYKE
PVT D. T. VASQUEZ
PVT J. YBARRA JR.

PLATOON 2142

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT J. M. BROWN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT E. J. OSUNA

SERGEANT I. A. DEAN

SERGEANT A. X. GARCIA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE P. G. SKEETE (282)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. A. POWELL (333)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT Z. MCKINLEY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. P. SHAUNTY

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT N. V. MEYER

PVT M. C. AGUILAR
PFC* J. L. AGUIRRE JR.
PVT T. J. ALLRED
PVT J. E. AMALONG
PVT A. R. AURINGER
PFC C. BEJAR
PFC A. B. BRADY
PVT A. J. BURGER
PVT G. M. BURTON
PFC C. E. BYLAND
PFC M. A. CAGLE
PVT I. CALDERONHERNANDEZ
PVT A. P. CARSON
PVT A. I. CASTRO
PVT T. D. CHAMBERS
PVT M. A. CUPP
PFC D. DAVALOS
PVT S. C. DIAZ
PVT K. N. DICKERSON
PFC E. I. DOSS
PFC J. E. DUARTE
PFC E. ETONDE
PVT H. L. FILTER
PVT V. J. GABRIELANGEL
PFC* A. D. GALVAN
PFC R. R. GUERRERO
PFC R. L. HERBOLD
PVT C. H. HERNANDEZ
PFC F. HERNANDEZSALMERON
PFC* C. D. HOWARD
PVT K. J. JOHNSON
PVT A. S. KARABINIS
PVT J. M. KIRK
PVT H. J. KUESTER

PLATOON 2143

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

GUNNERY SERGEANT K. O. GRAY

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT U. RIOS

STAFF SERGEANT K. M. BONILLAMEDINA

STAFF SERGEANT V. MENDEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. M. SALCEDO JR. (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. I. DOSS (334)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT E. A. SCOTT

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. H. PENDLETON JR.

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT R. PADILLA

PVT B. M. LANE
PVT B. Y. LOMBERA
PVT T. A. LONERGAN
PFC C. I. LOPEZ
PVT Y. S. LOPEZCARRILLO
PVT N. C. MARTINEZ
PVT M. J. MATAROZZEN
PVT D. A. MCCULLOUGH
PFC G. R. MCCUNE
PFC J. MOLANO
PFC M. E. NEWBROUGH
PVT S. M. OJEDA
PVT J. D. OROSCO
PFC R. E. PENA III
PFC A. H. PENDLETON JR.
PFC G. PORRAS
PFC M. W. POWELL
PVT B. A. RAMIREZ
PFC* D. E. RAMIREZ
PVT J. E. RANGLES III
PVT J. F. RICO
PFC A. RIVASGOMEZ
PVT A. N. ROMERO
PFC* C. M. SALCEDO JR.
PFC A. V. SCOTT
PVT J. F. SHILLING
PFC J. M. SOUTHWOOD
PVT J. D. STRATE
PFC J. J. TOVARRIVERA
PFC S. I. VALDEZGOMEZ
PVT L. S. VALENZUELA
PVT E. H. VINCENT
PFC J. A. WATSON

PLATOON 2145

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT T. D. GRACE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. D. WALKER

STAFF SERGEANT S. J. BUSTAMANTE

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. A. CLAY (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. D. CABRERA (335)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL B. E. HENRY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. A. KELLER

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. H. HOWE

PVT A. D. AARON
PVT D. AMADOR
PVT A. S. ASHTARI
PVT B. A. BACA
PVT R. K. BELL
PVT A. C. BOYUNGS
PVT D. G. BROWN
PVT M. J. BURGOS
PVT A. E. BURNS
PFC E. D. CABRERA
PFC* A. CAYETANO
PFC J. A. CLAY
PVT C. J. CLEMENTS
PVT C. F. COLINDRES
PVT A. A. CRUZ JR.
PVT K. R. DALLAS
PVT I. O. DOMINGUES
PVT T. L. EARLS
PVT K. E. EDUVIGEN
PVT D. I. GARCIA
PVT J. A. GARCIA
PVT J. A. GOLDSMITH
PVT B. A. HERMANDEZ
PVT M. C. GUIDINGER
PVT N. G. HALLACY
PVT T. J. HARRELL
PVT R. A. HERNANDEZ.IV
PVT L. B. HILL
PVT R. A. HILL
PVT J. J. HILLS
PFC* M. A. KELLER
PVT C. K. KOSHATKA
PVT S. E. LONGUA
PVT P. D. LOPEZ

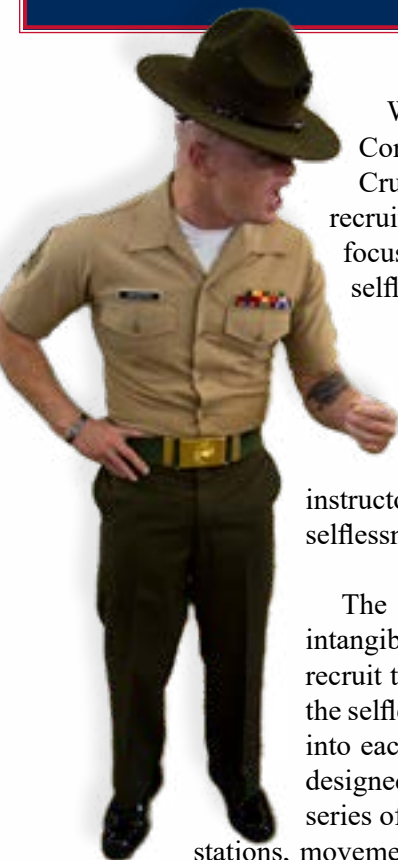
PVT E. MARISCAL
PVT B. MARISCALMARQUEZ
PVT B. MARTINEZGONZALEZ
PVT K. A. MEISTER
PVT M. MOLINAGOMEZ
PVT Z. W. MORRIS
PVT J. D. MOWERY
PVT A. I. NAVARRO
PVT D. A. NAVARRO
PVT S. A. NUNEZ
PVT M. E. OBRECHT
PVT S. OLIVAS
PVT G. J. PAUL
PVT C. J. RICHMOND
PVT J. A. RIVERA
PVT H. J. ROY
PVT Z. D. SCHLUSSLER
PVT D. SEGURA
PVT A. L. SERNA
PVT Y. A. SHAH
PVT A. C. SIMMONS
PVT W. A. STRAW
PVT J. A. SWARTZ
PVT L. UGALDE JR.
PVT S. VACA
PVT A. VALENCIA
PFC* J. A. VASQUEZ
PVT E. VELASCOBONILLA
PVT M. VILLANUEVA
PVT B. M. WATSON
PVT M. R. WEISSBERG
PVT C. D. WILLE
PFC* W. J. WOODLEY

PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

We have enhanced Recruit Training by amplifying Core Values instruction and introducing The Crucible. A key element to the recent changes in recruit training is more time for the drill instructors to focus on character development with an emphasis on selflessness and teamwork.

There are 28 hours of programmed instruction on Core Values; however, the most powerful values exchange may very well come from the increased one-on-one time with the drill instructors who teach and demonstrate values such as selflessness, determination, loyalty and integrity.



The Crucible, in part, is the manifestation of the intangible values training that have taken place earlier in recruit training. It permeates the entire evolution, forging the selflessness, teamwork and Core Values concepts deep into each recruit. The Crucible is a 54-hour event that is designed to test a recruit's mind, body, and spirit. It is a series of eight events revolving around obstacles, warrior stations, movement courses, and reaction problems tackled over a grueling 40-mile course. Sleep and food deprivation add to the rigor of the course, which is primarily designed to develop teamwork and camaraderie through shared hardship. Each warrior station is named after a Marine Corps hero whose actions epitomize the values we want all Marines to internalize. As a touchstone, this experience in values and hardship can be drawn upon in any challenge they might face.



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

After graduating from Recruit Training, and taking a well deserved ten days of leave, the new Marines report into the School of Infantry (SOI). SOI and consequent follow-on schools give the new Marines the technical expertise they need to excel in their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

All muscles atrophy without exercise; so too with character. Once started on a path of character development, there is no stopping. We are always developing our character until the day we die. The sustainment process continues Core Values training within units and is incorporated in all that we do as Marines, complementing a renewed emphasis on warfighting, combat leadership, and the concepts of responsibility and accountability.



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and Nation. We will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who previously served in the Marines. They give testimony to the direct connection between the character traits they forged in the Corps and their success and fulfillment in life. End result: We will continue to provide society with people of great character, whether they do four or forty years in the Marine Corps.

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INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL T.J. CRIAG

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. W. DUNNE

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 PVT A. E. AGUIRRE
 PVT J. A. AMAYA
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 PVT D. M. AVILA
 PVT A. BAEZRODRIGUEZ
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 PVT C. R. BREWSTER
 PVT J. D. CARROLL
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 PVT F. CHAVARRIA
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 PVT N. A. ESPINOZA
 PVT V. H. FISCAL
 PVT D. FLORESLOZANO
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 PVT T. C. FUENTES
 PVT N. J. GARCIA
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 PFC* E. D. GERKE
 PFC C. A. GILBERT
 PVT C. E. HODGES
 PVT C. J. JONES
 PVT T. J. LIPPINCOTT

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 PVT D. J. MOSS
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 PVT G. L. SILVA
 PVT C. M. SMITH
 PVT D. P. TAYLOR
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 PVT D. A. VALIENTE
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 PVT V. M. ZEPEDA

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STAFF SERGEANT J. G. FELT

STAFF SERGEANT Z. COX

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. M. FLORES (344)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT T. J. KELLY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. VALENCIAVASQUEZ

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 PVT J. DAMIAN JR
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 PVT X. L. DAVISON
 PFC J. L. DOTY
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

The most important things the Marine Corps does for our nation are to make Marines and win battles. The Corps is a versatile, force-in-readiness prepared to handle a variety of missions. We continue to be a force rich in history and traditions, ingrained with the highest values of honor, courage and commitment.



At the very time when a host of factors is tending to undermine individual character development in society, Marines are facing an operational environment which requires stronger character and moral virtue. We live and operate in a world that is proving to be increasingly complex and interconnected. As a result, the Corps is in the midst of an evolution of the uses of force that are not quite war, not quite peace, not quite conventional military operations, and not quite operations, and not quite civil police duties.

The Nation has committed Marines to a wide range of scenarios, from peacekeeping operations in Somalia to non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia, to more conventional conflicts like Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. Operations such as these involve independent units confronted by situations that have operational and strategic implications. The battlefield is becoming so technologically advanced that weapon systems will be able to kill by smell, sight or sound. In order to ensure success in these situations, we have looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir.



The answer was strong character and a fighting spirit that overcame all obstacles. This is what will allow us to dominate the high tech and diverse battlefields of the future. This will allow us to win America's military battles and to send transformed Americans home to strengthen the very fabric of our society.

Quite simply, we are continuing to focus on and to enhance the root source of a Marine's indomitable fighting spirit: his determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in his way, fueled by unshakeable honor, courage, and commitment.

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT

We believe that new Marines need to be forged in a furnace of shared hardship, mutual commitment, and teamwork. This common, intense experience creates bonds of comradeship and cohesion so strong that Marines will refuse to let each other down. This forging of character, discipline, and fitness will continue to be the basis upon which we make Marines. Holding onto the high character of the Marines of the past, we look for ways to instill the strong values that have become synonymous with the Marine Corps. We are attacking the character development challenge in four phases: Recruiting, Recruit Training, MOS Schools, and Sustainment.

PHASE I - RECRUITING

Instilling these character traits starts in the recruiting process. Recruiting duty is a vital assignment in the Marine Corps. Marine Recruiters take it seriously and feel a great responsibility to fulfill the job to the best of their ability. Many Marines say that recruiting duty is among the most rewarding assignments they have had as a Marine, because they are helping to ensure the high standards and future of our Corps.



Most Marine Recruiters have earned the rank of Sergeant or above, which means they have had four or more years of experience in the Marine Corps serving in one of several hundred Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They know what it means to serve as a Marine. Meeting a Marine Recruiter gives you personal access to someone who has lived and served in the Marine Corps. No matter where you are in the decision-making process, talking to a recruiter can give you more information. You are under no obligation when speaking to a Marine Corps Recruiter, as he or she knows the importance of the decision, and will help determine if you are right for the Marine Corps—and if the Marine Corps is right for you.

First, we recruit young men and women who have demonstrated potential and commitment. Then we prepare them through physical fitness and ready them for the intense forging they will experience in recruit training. Most enlistees spend up to 12 months in the Delayed Entry Program preparing to undergo recruit training and become Marines.



Their preparation includes physical conditioning, study guides, introduction to Marine Corps history and tradition and, most importantly, introduction to Core Values. The bottom line is we are paying more attention to a prospective Marine's character and fitness during screening.